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E. O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ETDR, KS

SUBJ: TEXTILE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION

1. ACCORDING CHOI, JAE UK, HEAD OF NEWLY CREATED QUOTA MANAGEMENT DIVISION IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, HIS OFFICE HAS ASSUMED FULL CHARGE OF TEXTILE VISA ISSUANCE. PENDING REGISTRATION OF NEW VISA DESIGN WITH USG, VISAS ISSUED WILL BE IDENTICAL TO THOSE ISSUED PREVIOUSLY BY TEXTILE ASSOCIATIONS, CHOI IS EXPERIENCED MCI OFFICIAL WITH LEGAL BACKGROUND WHO APPEARS TO HAVE STRONG INTEREST IN HIS NEW JOB.
2. CHOI TOLD EMBOFF THAT ONLY SERIOUS REMAINING PROBLEM HE ENVISIONS DURING SECOND QUOTA YEAR IS UNCERTAINTY CONCERNING AMOUNT OF UNUSED QUOTA IN TO 221. CHOI, NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF 219/221 CLASSIFICATION PROBLEM HE IS UNCERTAIN AS TO AMOUNT OF 221 REMAINING. (CHOI CLAIMED ROKG BELIEVES THERE IS LESS 221 QUOTA REMAINING THAN USG DOES.) CONSEQUENTLY CHOI HAS DECIDED NOT TO MAKE GENERAL ALLOCATION OF MORE QUOTA UNDER 221, BUT TO SAVE FULL AMOUNT REMAINING FOR DISTRIBUTION TO FIRMS WITH UNUSED (AND UNUSABLE) ALLOCATIONS IN NOW EMBARGOED TQ 219. IN THIS WAY HE BELIEVES HE CAN AVOID OVERSHIPMENTS IN 221.

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3. CONCERNING THIRD QUOTA YEAR, CHOI SAID NO VISAS  
WILL BE ISSUED PRIOR TO OCTOBER1, FIRST DAY OF NEW  
QUOTA YEAR. WHEN EMBOFF EXPRESSED SURPRISE, POINTING  
OUT THAT GOODS SHIPPED BY SEA IN EARLY SEPTEMBER WOULD  
NOT ARRIVE IN US PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, CHOI MAINTAINED THAT  
FOR QUOTA PURPOSES KEY DATE IS SHIPPING DATE FROM ROK,  
NOT ARRIVAL DATE IN U. S. THUS NO VISAS CAN BE  
ISSUED BEFORE OCTOBER 1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE  
WASHINGTON CLARIFICATION THIS LAST POINT. AMERICAN  
IMPORTERS HERE SHARE OUR IMPRESSION THAT QUOTA CONTROL  
POINT IS TIME OF CLEARANCE US CUSTOMS.  
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